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MALCOLM RUTHERFORD, RESPECTED DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE FINANCIAL TIMES, SUGGESTS THAT LABOR PARTY MAY HAVE BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT USG IS INDIFFERENT TO OUT-COME OF EC RENEGOTIATION. IN A MAJOR ARTICLE ON FOREIGN POLICY THAT APPEARED OCTOBER 2, RUTHERFORD NOTED THAT THE LABOR GOVERNMENT HAS EXPLORED THE ALTERNATIVES TO BRITISH MEMBERSHIP OF THE EC AND AFTER SIX MONTHS HAS FOUND THEM WANTING. HE CONTINUED:

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"CONTRARY TO SOME LABOUR EXPECTATIONS, THE COM-

MONWEALTH DOES NOT PROVIDE GUARANTEES OF CHEAPER FOOD SUPPLIES AND, BY NEGOTIATING FROM WITHIN, MR. FRED PEART HAS SHOWN THAT THE COMMUNITY'S COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY CAN BE NOT ONLY CHALLENGED BUT CHANGED.

"ONLY IN RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. HAS THERE BEEN A MARKED TURN FOR THE BETTER BUT FOR THE ANTI-MARKETEERS THERE WAS A CATCH IN IT. IT WAS QUICKLY MADE CLEAR TO VISITING BRITISH MINISTERS THAT THE U.S. HAD NO INTEREST IN A BRITAIN OUTSIDE EUROPE. THIS MESSAGE CAME FROM AGRICULTURE, FROM THE TREASURY, FROM THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND FROM PARTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

"THE ONE THING NOW REGRETTED BY SOME U.S. OFFICIALS AND BY PRO-MARKET BRITISH MINISTERS IS THAT THERE WAS NO UNMISTAKABLE ON-THE-RECORD STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT BY DR. HENRY KISSINGER. DR. KISSINGER WAS THEN AT THE HEIGHT OF HIS POWERS AND COULD HAVE HAD ENORMOUS INFLUENCE. THE ABSENCE OF ANY SUCH STATEMENT COULD STILL ENCOURAGE THE LABOUR PARTY TO BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS INDIFFERENT TO WHETHER BRITAIN IS IN OR OUT OF THE COMMUNITY."

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